

**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Toru SANO, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/536,798

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For: SEPARATION APPARATUS AND SEPARATION METHOD

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Examiner: Ernest G. Therkorn

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136**

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action of May 31, 2007 to September 30, 2007.

The statutory fee of \$1020.00 is being submitted via EFS. The USPTO is directed and authorized the charge the statutory fee of \$1020.00 to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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